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SUBJECT: MOVEMENT SECURITY, MILAN

REF: BRUNETTI/HARRICK TELECON; HARRICK/FINA,CG MILAN, TELCON

- 1. DEPARTMENT STRONGLY DISCOURAGES RENTAL OF FOREIGN MADE, UNARMORED CAR FOR USE BY CONSUL GENERAL MILAN.
- 2. WHILE COGNIZANT OF ARGUMENT THAT USE OF LOCALLY MANUFACTURED AUTOMOBILE IS FAR LESS CONSPICUOUS THAN LARGE AMERICAN VEHICLE, THE TRADE-OFF OF REAL PROTECTION PROVIDED BY A PARTIALLY ARMORED POWERFUL CAR IS NOT OFF SET BY USE OF UNARMORED ITALIAN VEHICLE.

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- 3. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO LEARN FACTS WHICH GENERATE CONSUL GENERAL'S CONCERN, AS DEPARTMENT IS UNAWARE OF SPECIFIC THREAT AGAINST CONSUL GENERAL.
- 4. IF HARD THREAT DOES EXIST, DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS CONSUL GENERAL INFORM MILAN POLICE AND REQUEST BODYGUARD OR POLICE

ESCORTS.

5. FYI. MODUS OPERANDI OF MOST TERRORISTS IS TO THOROUGHLY STAKE OUT AND OBSERVE INTENDED TARGET'S PATTERN OF ACTIVITY.

PROPOSED WEEKLY SWITCHING OF VEHICLES WOULD NOT ACCOMPLISH PURPOSE IF PROFESSIONALS ARE INVOLVED.

6. RSO IS REQUESTED TO IMMEDIATELY REVIEW SITUATION AT CG MILAN AND ADVISE DEPT. IN PARTICULAR, RSO SHOULD REVIEW FEASIBILITY OF INSTALLING BULLET RESISTANT MATERIAL ON WINDOWS OF CG'S OFFICIAL VEHICLE.

(SIMILAR PROJECT WAS UNDERTAKEN ON AMBASSADOR'S VEHICLE BY RTC IN JANUARY).

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